

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled) An animal toy, including
 - (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing selected compressible gaseous volume and including a center, an outer surface, A wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick, and points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center;
 - (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;
 - (c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at least a two areas, one on either side of said strip of material.
2. (Cancelled) An animal toy, including
 - (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and including:
 - (i) a center;
 - (ii) an outer surface,
 - (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,
 - (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and
 - (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely through said core;
 - (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core.

1 3. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

2 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable thin-walled hollow symmetrical rubber

3 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible

4 gaseous volume and including

5 (i) a center;

6 (ii) an outer surface,

7 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,

8 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and

9 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; said systemically core

10 being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy can be thrown to bounce

11 (i) along a straight line, and

12 (ii) such that the direction of travel of the toy changes from bounce to

13 bounce.

14 4. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

15 (a) a compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealing

16 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and

17 including

18 (i) a center;

19 (ii) an outer surface,

20 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,

21 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and

22 (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely

23 through said core, said core being shaped and dimensioned such that

24 the toy when thrown randomly will bounce erratically; and,

25 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; and

26 (c) a length of rope extending through said aperture such that said rope can be

27 grasped to throw the toy.

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1 5. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

2 (a) compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealingly

3 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and

4 including

5 (i) a center;

6 (ii) an outer surface,

7 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,

8 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and

9 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when

10 thrown randomly will bounce erratically; and,

11 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality

12 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.

13 6. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

14 (a) compressibly, elastically deformable thin-walled hollow rubber core sealingly

15 circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and

16 including

17 (i) a center;

18 (ii) an outer surface,

19 (iii) a wall less than about three-sixteenths of an inch thick,

20 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and

21 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when

22 thrown randomly will bounce erratically, and,

23 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality

24 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.

25 7. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

26 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber

27 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible

28 gaseous volume and including a center, a *non-spherical* outer surface, a wall
one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick, and points on the outer
surface at varying distances from the center;

1 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;

2 (c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as

3 a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at least two areas, one

4 on either side of said strip of material.

5 8. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

6 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber

7 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible

8 gaseous volume and including

9 (i) a center;

10 (ii) a *non-spherical* outer surface,

11 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,

12 (iv) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely

13 through said core;

14 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core.

15 9. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

16 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber

17 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible

18 gaseous volume and including

19 (i) a center;

20 (ii) a *non-spherical* outer surface,

21 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,

22 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center; and,

23 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core;

24 said symmetrical core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy can

25 be thrown to bounce

26 (i) along a straight line, and

(ii) *erratically* such that the direction of travel of the toy changes from

bounce to bounce due to *the shape and dimension* of the toy.

1 10. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

2 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber

3 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible

4 gaseous volume and including

5 (i) a center;

6 (ii) a *non-spherical* outer surface,

7 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,

8 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,

9 (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely

10 through said core, said core being shaped and dimensioned such that

11 the toy when thrown randomly *likely* will bounce erratically; and

12 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core; and,

13 (c) a length of rope extending through said aperture such that said rope can be

14 grasped to throw the toy.

15 11. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

16 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber

17 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible

18 gaseous volume and including

19 (i) a center;

20 (ii) a *non-spherical* outer surface,

21 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,

22 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,

23 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when thrown

24 randomly likely will bounce erratically; and,

25 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality

26 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.

27 12. (Canceled) An animal toy, including

28 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled *non-spherical* rubber

core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible

gaseous volume and including

1 (i) a center;
2 (ii) a *non-spherical* outer surface,
3 (iii) a wall *one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths* of an inch thick,
4 (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
5 (v) a *width*, and
6 (vi) a *length* greater than said width,
7 said core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy when thrown
8 randomly *likely* will bounce erratically; and,
9 (b) a felt cover affixed to said outer surface of said core and including a plurality
10 of fibers forming a soft compressible layer adjacent said outer surface.

11 13. (Currently Amended) ~~An animal A dog~~ toy, including
12 (a) ~~a compressibly an elongate bendable~~ elastically deformable hollow thin-
13 walled non-spherical rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a
14 selected compressible gaseous volume and including a center, a non-
15 spherical outer surface, a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch
16 thick, and points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
17 ~~said core when bent subjecting part of said core to tensile forces while
another part of said core is subjected to compressive forces;~~
18 (b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a
19 firm women cloth heavily napped and shrunk to produce a smooth resilient
20 texture;
21 (c) at least one elongate strip of material extending over said outer surface as
22 a line of demarcation to separate said felt cover into at least two areas, one
23 on either side of said strip of material.

24 14. (Withdrawn) An animal toy, including
25 (a) a compressibly elastically deformable hollow thin-walled non-spherical rubber
26 core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible
27 gaseous volume and including
28 (i) a center;
(ii) a non-spherical outer surface,

- (iii) a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick,
- (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center, and
- (v) an inner wall portion circumscribing an aperture extending completely through said core;

(b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to produce a smooth resilient texture.

(Currently Amended) ~~An animal~~ ~~A dog~~ toy, including

- (a) ~~a compressibly~~ ~~an elongate bendale compressible~~ elastically deformable thin-walled hollow symmetrical non-spherical rubber core sealingly circumscribing and enclosing a selected compressible gaseous volume and including
 - (i) a center;
 - (ii) a non-spherical outer surface,
 - (iii) a wall one-sixteenth to five-sixteenths of an inch thick,
 - (iv) points on the outer surface at varying distances from the center,
said core when bent subjecting part of said core to tensile forces while another part of said core is subjected to compressive forces; and,
- (b) a cover affixed to said outer surface of said core, said cover comprising a firm woven cloth heavily napped and shrunk to form a smooth resilient texture, said symmetrical core being shaped and dimensioned such that the toy can be thrown to bounce
 - (i) along a straight line, and
 - (ii) erratically such that the direction of travel of the toy changes from bounce to bounce due to the shape and dimension of the toy.